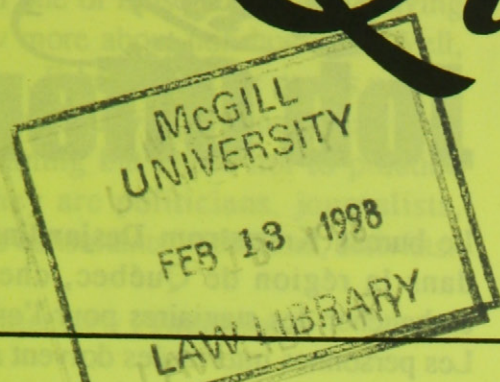




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## Greetings from Holland

GRISELDA BOSMA

*Griselda Bosma was on exchange here for the Fall 1997 semester. She leaves us with these parting words.*

The moment you read this, I will already be gone but I wanted to write a short story in the *Quid Novi*. I was here on an exchange from Holland. No, not from Amsterdam. Amazing how many times I have been asked that. I come from Groningen, a small town in the north of Holland. The time I have spent here at McGill was absolutely great, and I think I have to thank all of you for that. I also want to thank you for my being in your classes, occupying the spare places, and further for using the computers as much as I did, and so keeping them from you.

I learned a lot and that was not only in the classroom. Coffee House was a good place to be and there I heard more about Canadian life. The introduction period [orientation] was also really good for socializing and to get to know a lot of people. The law-partner idea is especially nice. Too bad that some are only out for a girlfriend.

Now I also want to say something about Holland and what the differences are. We don't have undergraduate studies. From high school we go directly to Law or Medicine, etc. Every student gets money from the government to study. There is a difference according to the salary of the parents. The system is trimesters instead of semesters, so we have exams three times a year.

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## TOP TEN REASONS TO BUY LOTS OF STUFF AT THE GRADUATION BAKE SALE EVERY WEDNESDAY

STEVEN LEITMAN

NAT IV AND FORMER INTERN AT 24 SUSSEX DRIVE,  
WITH MUCH HELP FROM JEAN-MARIE FONTAINE

10) If you don't buy anything, they'll send girl scouts to your door.

9) With a 3 hour class coming, you know you need the sugar.

8) Special mascot Mario Nigro dressed up as the Pillsbury Doughboy.

7) There's a no-snail guarantee (unless someone makes snails...).

6) Ian Binnie bought some Rice Krispies squares; now he's on the Supreme Court. Need I say any more?

5) Help get rid of us sooner.

4) Socrates himself travelled through time to bring us baklava.

3) The alternative is for us to hold the grad party at Peel Pub on nachos night.

2) If David Lee still had a head, he'd buy some cookies (But he had to go and duck under a helicopter).

1) Dom and Steph.



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## Announcements

Applications for Award of Distinction are available at the SSMU front desk. Four scholarships of \$2000 will be awarded to students who show leadership qualities and outstanding academic achievement. Deadline for submissions is February 20 at 5 PM.

Every Tuesday at 6:15 PM, you can have the chance to learn and practice **effective public speaking**. Seminars are offered by the Toastmasters International's Moderator Club at 2070 Peel St. Admission: \$5. Info : 528-8659.

**Les ateliers de droit civil:** speaker Sylvio Normand from Laval University: "Le Droit civil canadien de Pierre-Basile Mignault: glose ou traité?", February 12th, 16:00, 3647 Peel, room 101.

**Placement Day 2 :** Careers outside the practice of law. February 13th, starting at 10:00.

MMACC/CCAMM: Next conference: 11 février 1998

Me Céline Vallières, CACNIQ  
L'arbitrage institutionnel au niveau national et international  
12:30 p.m. in the Moot Court Room

## Offres d'emploi Job Offers

Le bureau Kronstrom Desjardins, situé dans la région de Québec, cherche à embaucher des stagiaires pour l'an 2000. Les personnes intéressées doivent acheminer avant le 28 février leur curriculum vitae, accompagné de leur relevé de notes universitaire, à l'attention de: Me Yves Charbonneau, Kronstrom Desjardins, Iberville Deux, 1175, Lavigerie, suite 300, Ste-Foy (Québec) G1V 4P1.

## Activités à venir du Centre de Placement

### Upcoming Placement Events

#### Séminaires sur le placement

1) "Les carrières en droit international privé", parrainé par Ogilvie Renault. Mercredi, le 4 février à 13h30. Common Room.

2) "Le stress et la profession juridique" parrainé par le cabinet de Nicholl, Paskell-Mede. Venez entendre un psychologue qui travaille uniquement avec des juristes!!! Wednesday, February 11, 1:30. Common Room.

#### Highlights of Private Practice

Thursday February 12 will be a day of panels on various topics relating to the Private Practice of Law. Keep an eye out for posters and brochures. Everyone should make a point to attend at least one of these panels.

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## Alternative Careers

Are you one of those people just craving to know more about non-law jobs. Well, on Friday, February 13, six panels will be held at the faculty. The panelists all have legal training but chose not to practice law. They are politicians, journalists, business consultants, mediators, activists.

## Mock Interview Programme

Du 16 au 19 février 1998, huit (8) avocats de Montréal et Toronto vont venir à la Faculté pour faire, avec vous, des simulations d'entrevues d'une durée de 30 minutes. Ils vous donneront ensuite des commentaires pour vous aider à améliorer vos performances. Mock interviews will take place from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM and 48 places are available. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Placement Office very soon. Come visit us to reserve your place. If you have any question, contact Dominic Belley, co-chair of the Placement Office.

## Legal Job Search Handbook - Guide d'emploi de la recherche juridique.

Do not forget to get your copy of this useful tool that contains all the information that you need concerning your upcoming summer job applications as well as your articling position applications. Vous pouvez vous procurer votre copie au coût de 5\$ auprès de Madame Barbara Whiston, au Bureau des admissions. \*\*\* A Publication of The Placement Office, McGill Faculty of Law \*\*\*

# Gay Pride Week

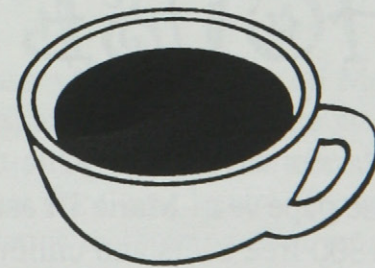
TREVOR WORNHAM  
LLM STUDENT

**L**BGTM (Lesbians, Bisexuals, Gays and Transgendered of McGill) organised a week of events from Friday 30th January through until Friday 6th February. This week comprised of a mixture of social and political events, to bring together the queer McGill community. Gay Pride Week kicked off with a well attended, lively party at Thompson House, and included a panel discussion at SSMU on activism and apathy on Tuesday evening. The week has been a credit to LBGTGM's drive and those who participated to make the events worthwhile and fun.

Gay Pride Week may have passed most of the Law faculty by – I myself would have been oblivious to it had my roommate not been LBGTGM's Treasurer and drawn it to my attention. Reading the McGill press would have alerted me to this event. What has not passed me by, and I am sure you, is the activism of Outlaw McGill, our faculty student group previously known as Sexual Minorities and the Law. One area that Outlaw McGill has clearly impacted on is the content of many courses offered in the faculty, which include specific reference to gay and lesbian issues. As gays and lesbians increasingly go to court to secure equality rights, these issues are important not only to queer law students, but also to non-queer lawyers who are increasingly likely to find themselves in a position to advise on such matters.

Studying in this faculty, with an active group of gay and lesbian lawyers and positive professors and students, has

been a pleasant surprise to me. The situation that I discover here is a marked contrast my experience of studying law at the London School of Economics in the late 1980's, where I saw no out gay law students and no lesbian and gay law group. Perhaps this is due to the fact that we are benefiting from a further 10 years of activism, and that law students in Canada may tend to be more "out" given that they are generally several years older than their counterparts in the United Kingdom who often study law as their first degree. Whatever the reason, it is to McGill's credit and benefit, and I hope that it will encourage law students, both gay and straight, to strive to achieve equality through the profession.



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# Some Good and Not-So-Good Suggestions for Grad Ball Theme Songs

CLARE MAURO & SARA  
WATERTON  
LL B III

As two LSA representatives who also happen to be graduating, we would humbly like to put forward the following suggestions for Grad Ball theme songs: those which should be avoided at all cost, and those that seemed particularly appropriate given the three or four years spent at this faculty. To Dan, Alex and the rest of the committee, we submit these for your consideration:

A. Songs Which Should be Rejected as Grad Ball Theme Songs

- The Macarena
- Colours of the Wind - The Theme from *Pocahontas*
- Wind Beneath My Wings - 'nuf said
- Because You Loved Me - local talent is no excuse
- The Greatest Love of All
- Never Surrender - see above
- Anything by Michael Bolton, Richard Marx, Kenny G or Yanni (sorry Rick!)
- The Chicken Dance
- More Than Words - Extreme

B. Songs Which Would be Appropriate Grad Ball Theme Songs

- Don't Stop Believing - Journey
- Raise a Little Hell - Trouper (hey- it was good enough for the Grey Cup!)

- Things Can Only Get Better - Howard Jones
- Time to Say Goodbye - ('cuz Bar School starts on Monday) Andrea Bocelli & Sarah Brightman
- Live and Let Die - GNR
- Tears are Not Enough - Northern Lights
- Everybody Wants to Rule the World - Tears for Fears
- *Hakuna Matada* - from The Lion King (after all, it means "no worries...")
- I Will Survive - Gloria Gaynor (for obvious reasons)
- 19th Nervous Breakdown - Rolling Stones (or does that describe the graduating class?)
- Eye of the Tiger - Survivor
- Tubthumping - Chumba Wumba (personal favourite of LSA Prez Steve Kelly)

## TOP 10 REASONS "THE BIG HOUSE" RULES...

1. Passionate cries of "Otta-ottata-otta-otta-otta WAAAA" overheard emanating from the basement
2. Le pape Jean-Marie III assis sur son trône
3. 1300 free beers and unlimited wattage
4. All Chumbawumba, all the time
5. No liquor licence. No Fire inspection certificate. No arrests.
6. We're all extras in Ewan MacGregor's next film
7. Mike Kande left his meathangers at the pool
8. Université de Montréal n'était pas en charge
9. DJ Jumpin' Joseph's soulful selection of tunes
10. We all still have keys



# Inscription Competition For The New Law Library

DEANNA MATZANKE  
NAT IV  
NEW LAW LIBRARY STUDENT  
COMMITTEE

The design of the Nahum Gelber Law Library calls for an inscription on the exterior facade of the building. To help the Law Faculty find an appropriate quotation for inscription it has been decided that a competition, open to all members of the McGill University community and to all supporters of the new Law Library, should be held.

Submissions should not exceed fifty (50) words and should be in one of the official languages or a classical language. Please, no lawyer jokes whatever the language!

A distinguished jury of faculty, students and alumni/ac has been formed to select the winning inscription(s).

The winner(s) of the competition will not only have the pleasure of seeing their submission inscribed on the Law library; they will receive a prize as well — a “get-away” package (a one night stay in a deluxe room) for two (2), courtesy of the management of the Hotel Intercontinental de Montreal.

Submissions should be addressed to “Library Inscription Competition”, c/- Office of the Dean of Law, Faculty of Law, 3644 Peel St., Montreal H3A 1W9 (or be faxed to (514) 398-4659) and must reach the Library Inscription Committee by the close of business on Friday, March 13, 1998.



## And Then There Were Two

BENJAMIN ARCHIBALD  
LL B I

While some of my articles remain frozen in cyber space, my resolve strengthens, allowing me to reflect on the absurd world that is our dwelling place.

Just last week President Clinton was busy fighting off his interns, I mean allegations, that he engaged in some suspect conduct in the Oval Office. While this episode has consumed the airwaves lately, a far more bizarre event took place without much hoopla. While President Clinton was splitting hairs over what constituted a sexual relationship, Pope John Paul II and Fidel Castro met in Cuba.

This meeting was reflective of

the wacky world in which we live, the Vicar of Christ met with the Vicar of Marx, God vs. Socialismo ou muerte! Pope John Paul II has been notorious for his position against Communism and totalitarian regimes, whereas Castro has managed to hold on to his regime longer than both Kennedy and the mighty Soviets. Yet fate led them to meet in Havana while Clinton, much like Kennedy, fended off the US media.

The juxtaposition of these two events makes clear the need for Castro and the Pope to meet. Discourse on morality has taken a back seat to discourse about the market place. The lone holdouts, bitter rivals and philosophical opposites, are the Pope and Castro. In essence Clinton and the West have managed to bring about what has never occurred in history: a Papal visit to Cuba.

Whether one is a God-fearing Catholic or a Socialist revolutionary, the writing is on the wall. When Easter Monday is cancelled to save Spring Break it is clear that first principles have taken a back seat to convenience.

Personally, I'm happy we have Spring Break. I am also happy that Castro has a new friend. Morality is safe in their hands while we party and President Clinton frolicks with the interns.

## Monday nights aren't just for football anymore...

CLARE MAURO  
LL B III

One of the goals of the LSA this semester is to put the “fun” back into law school. With that in mind, several students have taken the initiative of forming the “Monday Night Outing Club” (MNOC), an informal gathering which encourages the spirit of collegiality among law students. It was thought that Mondays would be the ideal time for this camaraderie to occur, since a great number of upper-year students are enrolled in at least

one class which ends late on Monday evenings, and find that they are incapable of functioning at that hour after having endured a three hour lecture. The goal of this group is the promotion of relaxation and conversation, and the consumption of BEvERages. If you are in any one of Securities Regulation, Sentencing, JICP or Family Law I, or just find yourself at the law school after 7:30 p.m. on a Monday night and need to unwind with friends for a bit before heading home to tackle next week's readings, please feel free to join us at Thomson House. All students are welcome. See you next week!



# In Memoriam: Nancy Park, LL B. '97

DANIEL WESTREICH  
NAT. IV

Nancy Park's friends and colleagues from the Faculty gathered last Monday, February 2, for a memorial service in her honour. She had died suddenly of acute leukemia the previous Wednesday.

The touching memorial service, held in the Common Room, began with the playing of Aretha Franklin's "Natural Woman", one of Nancy's favourites. After a brief welcome by organizer Dyanoosh Youssefi, Dean Toope expressed condolences on behalf of the faculty. Appropriately, he quoted from Nancy's personal statement from her law school application, and in so doing gave us some insight into her concerns:

*As an adult, I am conscious of feeling like a foreigner wherever I go. Although born in Canada, people here regularly ask me where I am from. The implication is, of course, that I am not from 'here'. I suspect they would not be asking this question if I did not look like a member of an ethnic minority. Hence, I have an odd impression of Canada, the country where I am supposed to belong. Despite the great multicultural myth, I am aware of my "otherness", both inside and outside home. I feel as much an other in the Korean community, where my Western democratic assumptions continually clash with traditional, hierarchical ones.*

"Nancy lived her life across frontiers," concluded Dean Toope, "and now she has crossed a frontier that we cannot possibly understand."

After listening to a recording of Nancy singing classical choral compositions, her friends shared some memories. Dyanoosh told some anecdotes revealing Nancy to be a serious person, strongly concerned with social justice and active in her involvement in the community. But she also had a joie de vivre: "I remember many moments that I shared

with Nancy-moments that were fun, personal, serious, silly, heartwarming, heartwrenching, frustrating, intelligent, confusing, and, several times, moments that involved food. You see, Nancy liked food— other people's food. She dropped by her friends' homes for a coffee, a snack, a three-course meal... And so, among the many endearing nicknames we had for her, Glen Linder and I also called her 'Mooch'."

Jo-Anne Pickel, Bernard Duhaime and Loris Mirella all shared the sentiments, each telling anecdotes revealing Nancy to be a curious and easy-going person with a weakness for exotic culinary treats. She moved easily in different social circles, and each of the people she touched was blessed with seeing a unique aspect of her personality.

She loved music and excelled at it. An accomplished singer, she belonged to several choirs. She also loved to laugh. Indeed, as all who knew her will attest, her laughter was contagious.

After a few more poems and anecdotes were read, Laurie Sargent read Glen Linder's dedicatory limerick, putting a much-appreciated smile on our tear-streaked faces. The humour was most appropriate for, as Laurie said, "no one laughed harder at Glen's jokes than Nancy."

LIMERICK NOT CONFORMING TO  
STANDARD  
LIMERICK STRUCTURE FOR  
NANCY PARK

by Glen Linder

*This lim'rick is for our friend Nancy Park  
'Cos upon us all, she did leave her mark.*

*She liked to jog, to sing, to write, and to chat  
And looked quite refined in her large Russian hat.*

*She spoke many languages, and hated watching hockey,  
And although Nancy was slim, she claimed to be stocky.*

*She could cook up a storm in every which way,  
Making pizza, rice, soup, and great végépâté.*

*Little Nancy is gone now and we'll miss her for sure,  
But the memory of her laugh will act as our cure.*



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la semaine prochaine  
dans les pages d'un  
autre auguste journal...  
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# Greetings from Holland

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I did not come all the way from the other side of the ocean only to study. The way of life here and habits are also quite different. I know a lot of people went to Europe and even Amsterdam (for what kind of reason whatsoever), but still there are a few things not so well known about Holland. For example, we have two days of Christmas but we don't give Christmas presents. That happens on the 5th of December, called St. Nicolas day. He comes from Spain and brings presents for sweet children and salt for bad children. Thanksgiving and Halloween are not celebrated in Holland, so that was quite nice for me to do here. Further, we don't have beer at the university and no muffins and donuts all over the place.

The strangest thing is probably the distance. Because Holland is so small, 100 km is already far; as for here, a thousand is still close. From Montreal to Amsterdam is the same distance as from

Montreal to Vancouver. When Canadians come to Europe, they travel through ten countries in twelve days. I would never do that. But here I drove from Vancouver to Montreal, what is rare for Canadians.

As my last point I want to mention the drugs in Holland. I think a lot of people have a wrong image of Holland concerning drugs. Some think that everybody smokes like crazy. Yes it is true that is legal, but I have never seen it as much as here in Montreal. Yes, I can go to the shop on the corner to buy hash, but that does not mean I do it. To find out for yourself, come to Holland. For everybody I have met, but did not give my address, or those I did not meet, everybody is welcome. Here is my parents' address if you want to visit the Dutch tulips and windmills:

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To everybody I have not said goodbye to, take care and a happy 1998.  
Greetings,  
Griselda

- NOTES -

